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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number 09/889,326 Filing Date with an effective filing date of January 7, 2000 First Named Inventor Gerhard HARTWICH Art Unit 1637 Examiner Name Heather Calamita Attorney Docket Number PATKRI P02AUS
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☒ Other: Please consider the Response filed on July 31, 2006.

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☒ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. **04-0213. I HAVE ENCLOSED A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET.**

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$395.00 is enclosed.

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Date: **August 22, 2006**

Name: **Michael J. Bujold**

Registration No.: **32,018**

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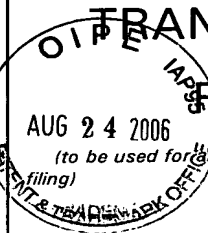
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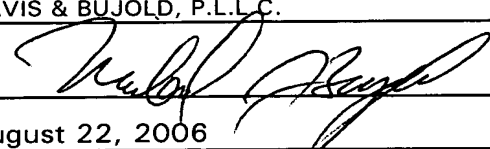
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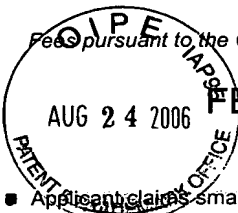
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<p style="text-align: center;">Effective on 12/08/2004. Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2006</p> </div> <p>■ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Complete if Known</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;"> Application No. Filing Date First Named Inventor Examiner Name Art Unit </td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;"> 09/889,326 with an effective filing date of January 7, 2000 Gerhard HARTWICH Heather Calamita 1634 </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Attorney Docket No.</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">PATKRI P02AUS</td> </tr> </table>	Application No. Filing Date First Named Inventor Examiner Name Art Unit	09/889,326 with an effective filing date of January 7, 2000 Gerhard HARTWICH Heather Calamita 1634	Attorney Docket No.	PATKRI P02AUS
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

☒ Check
 ☐ Credit Card
 ☐ Money Order
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 ☐ Other (please identify): _____

☒ Deposit Account
 Deposit Account Number 04-0213
 Deposit Account Name: DAVIS & BUJOLD, P.L.L.C.

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims -20 or HP = Extra Claims x Fee (\$) = Fee Paid (\$)

Indep. Claims -3 or HP + Extra Claims x Fee (\$) = Fee Paid (\$)

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

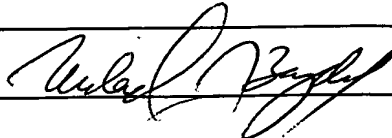
If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets -100 = Extra Sheets / 50 = No. of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number) x Fee (\$) = Fee Paid (\$)

4. OTHER FEE(S)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge) Request for Continued Examination (Small Entity)	Fees Paid (\$)
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)	
	\$395.00

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Signature		Telephone (603) 226-7490
Name (Print/Type)	Michael J. Bujold	Registration No. (Atty/Agent) 32,018 Date: August 22, 2006